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In re Application of: Epstein, *et al.*

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Examiner: Schnizer

Entitled: **Aptamer Therapeutics Useful in Ocular Pharmacotherapy**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the May 30, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before November 30 2006. A check in the amount of \$2,160.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-547.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 29, 2006

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